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**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT
AUTHORIZING THE MONITORING AND RECORDING
OF VISUAL, NON-AUDIO CONDUCT**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA,)
COUNTY OF MARTIN)

BEFORE ME, Honorable Belays, Circuit Court Judge in and for Martin County, personally appeared
this day

Detective Michael Fenton of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he believes and has good reason to believe that a
certain premises located in Martin County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

The business located at:

11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, County of Martin, State of Florida.

To reach the premises:

Start at the intersection of SE Federal Hwy and SE Bridge Road. Travel north on SE Federal Hwy
from the intersection for approximately 750 feet. After doing so an entrance into a shopping plaza is located on
the west (left) side of the roadway. After turning into the plaza the address numbers of 11774 are displayed at
the location of the business.

The business is readily recognized by:



The business is located on the south side of the plaza and faces east. The numbers 11774 are affixed near the entrance to the business. The exterior of the building is painted tan in color with windows allowing view into the entrance to the business. The roof is tan in color made of barrel tile. A sign located on the wall over the business entrance has the lettering "SPA" displayed. When facing the business, the front door is situated between large multi-paned windows. The door is hinged on the left (south) side and opens outwards from right to left. A photo of the premises is shown below.



This is a complete description of the business, along with the curtilage thereof involved,

Being the premises occupied by or under the control of:

Ruimei R Li, D.O.B. [REDACTED]

During the course of the investigation thus far, which is explained in detail below, it has been learned that Ruimei R Li may use different versions of her name. At times Ruimei has omitted or only used portions of her name. Any version of the above name is to be considered one and the same. Two examples are on a Facebook account, <https://www.facebook.com/meimei.li.9003>, where pictures of Ruimei Li and Bridge Foot Massage and Spa are displayed but the name for the facebook page is actually Meimei Li (a use of the last three letters of Ruimei's first name with the same last name). On multiple yelp reviews for Bridge Foot Massage and Spa and another similar establishment called Therapy Spa, a user under the name Meimei L. has written reviews about the establishments and has a profile with pictures that match the same ones for Bridge Foot Massage and Spa's website.

And there is now being kept on the above described (premises) certain:

Evidence of, Prostitution in addition to fruits of, and instrumentalities of violation of the law(s) associated with Deriving Support from the Proceeds of Prostitution and Money Laundering, specifically the Non-audio, video recordings of individuals engaged in acts related to these violations.

Which is being kept and used in violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit:

Deriving Support from the Proceeds of Prostitution as enumerated under Florida State Statute 796 and Money Laundering as enumerated under Florida Statute 896.

Which is in violation of the laws of the State of Florida, as enumerated in Chapter(s) 796 and 896 of the Florida State Statutes.



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That the facts establishing the grounds for this application and the probable cause for believing that such facts exist are as follows:

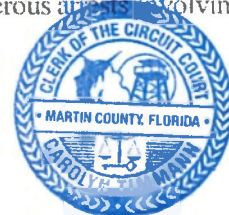
Detailed description of:

- Complaint and case initiation by Department of Health.
- The business and identifying the owner
- Advertisements for business including forums and chat rooms discussing illicit acts in business.
- Surveillance at various times (all male customers, hours of operation, etc.)
- Identification of employees and inspections of business by HSI (to see inside business, identify employees and possible management or ownership)
- Surveillance
- Trash pulls
- "John" Stops (to identify male clientele and to solicit independent information of what is taking place from within the business)

Your Affiant's Training and Experience

Your affiant, Detective Michael Fenton has been employed with the Martin County Sheriff's Office since June, 2011. During this time he was assigned to the Martin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), Special Investigations Division from 2012 – 2016 and the Criminal Investigations Division from 2016 to present. During which time he has received specialized training to include; Narcotics Identification and investigations, Criminal Investigative Techniques, Criminal Law (including search and seizure), Interview and Interrogations techniques, Undercover Operations, Organized Crime Investigations, Drug Enforcement Administration Specialized Schools, Clandestine Lab Investigations, Investigating Drug Trafficking Organizations, Human Trafficking Investigations, and Money Laundering Investigations. Prior to working in Law Enforcement, your affiant completed a BA degree in criminal Justice through Florida Atlantic University followed by attending and graduating from a Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Academy through the Indian River State College.

Your affiant has also conducted numerous investigations involving narcotics, money laundering organizations, prostitution organizations and traditional organized crime. In addition to acting in an undercover capacity for both narcotics and prostitution investigations, your affiant has made numerous arrests involving the above



listed offenses. Your affiant has authored multiple search warrants and has made numerous arrests in which a search warrant was utilized.

Your affiant is empowered by F.S.S. 943 to conduct investigations and make arrests for violations of the Florida Money Laundering Act, as set forth in F.S.S. 896, as well as violations of Chapter 796 related to Prostitution. Your affiant is a duly sworn law enforcement officer within the meaning of F.S.S. 934.02 (6) and is empowered to make arrests for the offences enumerated in F.S.S. 934.07, in particular, the offenses dealing in narcotics and dangerous drugs as well as prostitution, money laundering, and organized crime. Your affiant is currently responsible for the investigation detailed herein, which is being carried on in an organized manner, and in aid to which investigation, this application is made.

Complaint and Case Initiation:

On July 6th, 2018 I formally initiated a prostitution investigation based upon a complaint from a health inspector who contacted the Martin county Sheriff's Office. The complainant, Karen Herzog who works for the Health Department, was conducting an inspection on a massage therapy business located at 11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound FL. The basis of the concern was upon entering into and meeting with the staff of the establishment, Karen observed clothing, suitcases, food, bedding and other indicators that she recognized to be consistent with someone living in the facility. Karen's concern grew more upon attempting to speak with one of the massage therapist who, as Karen described, seemed reluctant to converse and looked to another Asian female (who identified herself as Ni Qin), for answers. Karen stated that she felt this particular Asian female massage therapist did not want to be there and was nervous. Karen also observed that Ni Qin acted as if she managed the location even though Ni Qin stated she had only worked there for a month as the front desk receptionist. While the massage therapist (later identified as Fang Yang, [REDACTED]) was looking for her identification, Karen observed what she recognized to be condoms located in a suitcase of Fang Yang's. Karen did not express her concern to Ni Qin, in an attempt to gain more knowledge and ask more questions about the establishment. Karen stated that this was her first time dealing with this particular massage establishment and there were some code violations that she noted while she was there. Karen described Fang Yang as dressed provocatively and spoke very little English.

To follow is a copy of the inspection that Karen completed after leaving the Bridge Foot Massage and Spa. The names of four individuals are highlighted and of whom Karen was informed are employees of the establishment.



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It should be noted that on a later date, the alien registration number that was on the card provided by Ni Qin [REDACTED] came back to a Hispanic male. This is not uncommon for those brought into the United States, legally or illegally, for the purpose of showing proof that these individuals are allowed to work. For example, in your affiant's training and experience, those individuals who produce these fraudulent documents know that it is not something local law enforcement has the ability to readily check, nor does the Health Department.



**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES**
INV369 - Massage Establishment



Form 36519
Issued 201605

NAME Bridge Day Spa INC		PERMIT NUMBER 30546	DATE OF INSPECTION 07/03/2018
DOING BUSINESS AS BRIDGE FOOT MASSAGE & SPA			
STREET ADDRESS 15774 South E Federal Hwy		TELEPHONE #	EXT
CITY MOBILE BOUND	COUNTY MARTIN	STATE/ZIP FL 33445	

Additional Information

Owner Contact

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Inspection Employee Tracking

License Number: VA25151	Person Employed: FANG YANG
Date Entered: 7/3/2018	
License Number: VAT0597	Person Employed: RUMELI
Date Entered: 7/3/2018	
License Number: VA31935	Person Employed: YINGHUI BIAN
Date Entered: 7/3/2018	

License Relations

Establishment Owner

LL RUMELI	License # T0007
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INV 369 - Massage Establishments

Massage Establishment Requirements

Current establishment license. (400.045(1), F.A.C.)	Yes
Establishment license conspicuously displayed. (54B7-26.003(2), F.A.C.)	No
Employed personnel duly licensed. (400.045(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Each Massage Therapist's license conspicuously displayed and a 2 inch by 2 inch photo is attached by effective date required by rule. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	No
If advertisement is visible at this establishment, must meet requirements of 400.0455, F.A.C.	Yes
Establishment complies with local building code requirements. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Public premise areas provided with safe and unobstructed human passages. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Garbage and refuse removal provided. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Safe storage removal of flammable materials provided. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Premise fire extinguisher maintained in good working condition, (computer system not acceptable shorted). (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Exterminate all vermin, insects, parasites and rodents on premises. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Safe sanitary massage equipment maintained. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Regular use of cleaners and bactericidal agents or clean table covering utilized for each client. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Maintain a sufficient supply of clean drapes for the purpose of draping each client while the client is being massaged, and launder before reuse all materials furnished for the personal use of the client, such as drapes, towels, and linens. As used herein "drapes" means towels, gowns, or sheets. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Provide for the use of clients a bathroom with at least one toilet and one sink with running water. Such facilities shall be equipped with toilet tissue, soap dispenser with soap or other hand-cleaning means, sanitary towels or other hand-drying device such as a wall-mounted electric towel dryer, and waste receptacle. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Toilet facility fixtures components clean, in good repair. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Maintain all bathroom and shower facilities and fixtures in good repair, well-lighted and ventilated. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes
Toilet facility on premises or in same building within 100 feet of establishment. (54B7-26.003(1)(a), F.A.C.)	Yes



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Lavatory in treatment room or within 20 feet for cleansing hands or chemical germicide designed for use without lavatory. [64B7-26.003(3)(f), F.A.C.]	Yes
Clean, adequate shower facilities if whirlpool bath, sauna, steam cabinet, and/or steam room on premise. [64B7-26.003(1)(d), F.A.C.]	No
Massage therapist not supervising more than one apprentice. [64B7-29.001(3), F.A.C.]	No
If requested, valid government identification was immediately presented upon request. [64B7-29.003(1)(2) F.A.C.]	Yes
Establishment operating hours are within compliance. [64B7-29.003(4), F.A.C.]	Yes
Under local ordinance, is this establishment being used as a principal domicile? [64B7-29.003(2) F.A.C.]	Yes=0

Colonic Irrigation

Trained massage therapist or apprentice licensee properly certified to perform colonic irrigation. [64B7-31.001(2), F.A.C.]	
Colonic irrigation equipment maintained in sanitary and safe working condition. [64B7-26.003(3)(d), F.A.C.]	

Apprentice Program

Apprentice certificate conspicuously displayed and a 2 inch by 2 inch photo is attached by effective date required by rule. [64B7-29.008(2), F.A.C.]	
Apprentice under supervision of licensed sponsoring massage therapist. [64B7-29.003(1), F.A.C.]	
Record of apprentice hours maintained and available for inspection. [64B7-29.003(4), F.A.C.]	

Establishment Equipment Required in Addition to 64B7-26 For Apprentice Program

Tables for massages. [64B7-29.001(5)(a), F.A.C.]	
Linens and storage area. [64B7-29.001(5)(b), F.A.C.]	
Colonic equipment if colonic irrigation taught. [64B7-29.001(5)(c), F.A.C.]	
Sanitization equipment if non-disposable colonic attachments are utilized. [64B7-29.001(5)(d), F.A.C.]	
Hydrotherapy equipment including hot/cold packs. [64B7-29.001(5)(e), F.A.C.]	
Appropriate textbooks and teaching materials. [64B7-29.001(5)(f)(1-6), F.A.C.]	

Remarks:

Massage therapist license displayed for Yinghui Bian is missing required 2x2 photo. Staff member Ni Guo US card # D89-836-495 stated she is not conducting massage therapy but is answering the phone. She does not know the above mentioned therapist. Advised to put required photo on license. Licenses (establishment & therapist) are NOT displayed for the public to view, she was advised to move them to lobby area. (They are in back area not able to be viewed by the public.)

I have read and have had this inspection report and the laws and regulations concerned herein explained, and do affirm that the information given herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have received a copy of the Licensee Bill of Rights.

Inspector Signature:



Date: 7/3/2018

Representative:

Not Available to Sign

Date: 7/3/2018

The Business:

Bridge Foot Massage and Spa is located at 11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound FL, 33455. The business, according to its website, operates from 0900 hours to 2200 hours but based of surveillance that will be described later in this affidavit, the business typically closes between the hours of 2200 and 2300 hours.

A check of the business through Sunbiz.org Division of Corporations revealed that the spa began as a corporation under the name Bridge Day Spa INC on 6/20/2016. The owner and manager, Ruimei Li, has multiple

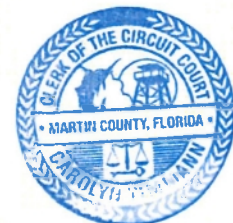
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other active corporations listed in Sunbiz.org which include Cove Day Spa and Therapy Spa. Both of these businesses have addresses in Stuart FL but only Therapy Spa has been found to be an active business at the location that is listed on Sunbiz.org. Cove Day Spa may be an active business but its location listed in Sunbiz.org is an empty commercial building. For Bridge Foot Massage and Spa, the only authorized person listed to manage the corporation is Ruimei Li with a principal office of 717 South Federal Hwy, Room 203, Jupiter FL 33477. It is also listed as the Mailing, the registered agent and the officer/director's address. Ruimei Li has this address listed on her Florida Driver's license as her place of residence. This address is also listed under Cove Day Spa INC, Therapy Spa INC and RUI Property LLC.

It should be noted that Therapy spa has an address of 2836 SE Federal Hwy Stuart FL, 34994 which, according to the Division of Corporations, is also the address for Florida Therapy Spa INC which has a title manager of Lixia Zhu. The only reason this is noted other than it is the same address that Ruimei is currently using for her other active massage business is that it was just initiated as a corporation on 8/3/2018. Lixia Zhu has only one other corporation listed under his/her name which is US Elemall LLC. This business has an address of 1417 South Burgundy Trail, Jacksonville FL, 32259. Upon your affiant looking at this address on GoogleMaps.com, this address is clearly, in your affiant's training and experience, a residential neighborhood. This address has 82 corporations registered to it that have foreign Chinese registered agent addresses. Your affiant is listing this information to show, among other things, there is a link from this American corporation to foreign affairs.

Ruimei Li signed a 5 year lease to rent the space where Bridge Foot Massage and Spa is currently located at. I attained a copy of the lease which included Ruimei's signature on the documentation and her Florida Driver's license was used at the time that she signed the lease agreement.

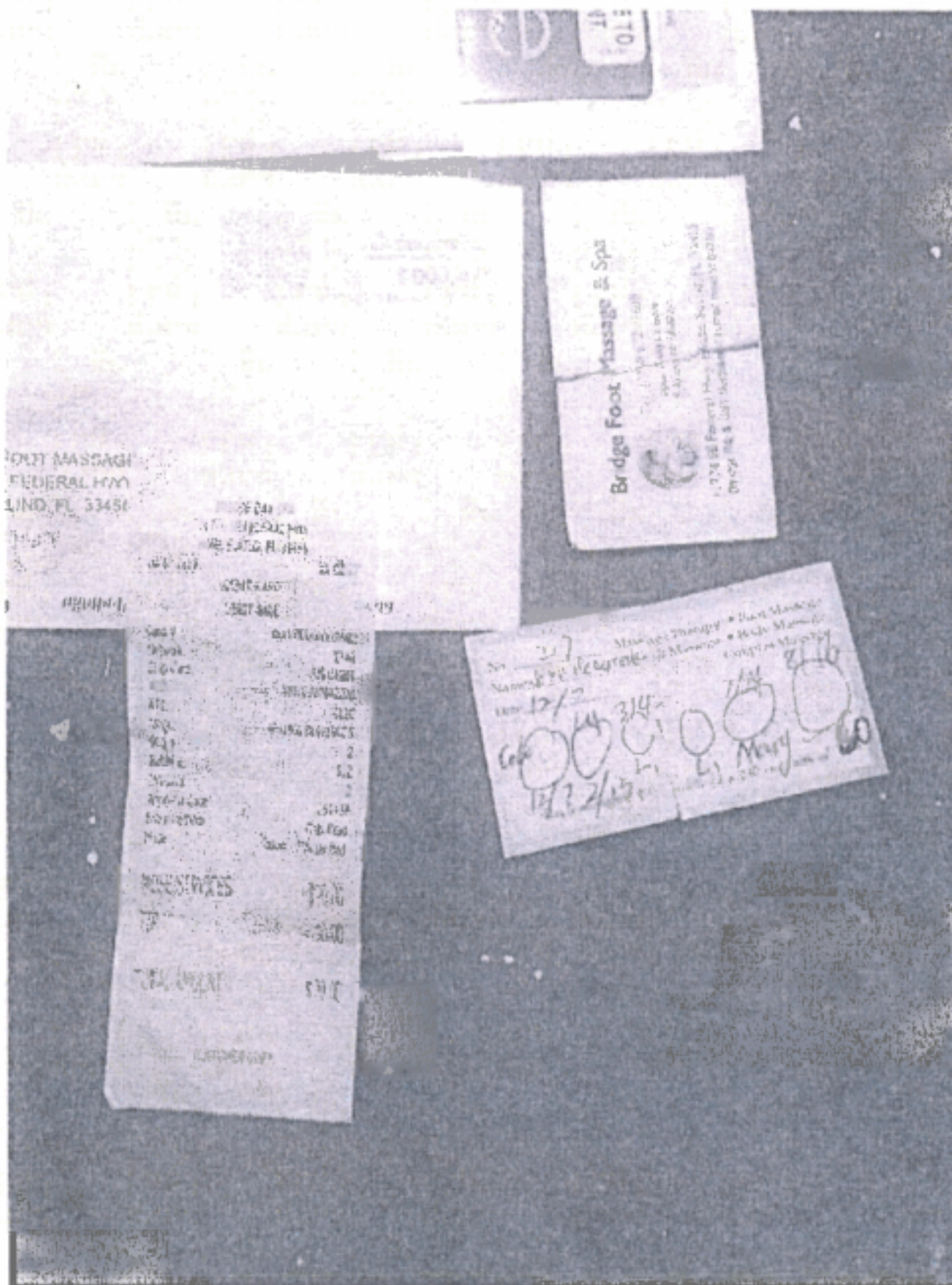
A report generated by the Department of Economic Opportunity showed that Ruimei Li is the only employee/person earning an income from Bridge Day Spa Inc. Each report for a business or a person is done quarterly by the Department of Economic Opportunity and for the past six quarters (all of 2017 and the first two quarters of 2018) Ruimei Li has declared a gross income of \$4,500.00 each quarter which equates to \$1500.00 a month. According to the Department of Economic Opportunity the only other records indicating any type of income are out of the other spa that she owns, Therapy Spa Inc. The amounts vary but the last two quarters she has claimed a gross income of \$2,400.00 each quarter which equates to \$800.00 a month. It should be noted that Therapy Spa has no other documented employees other than Ruimei Li.



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This information proves that the employees that are working at the two spas that Ruimei operates are being paid under the table and their income is not being reported. From my training and experience, this is common for businesses that are involved in money laundering and where employees are earning an income through illegal means.

One of the employees that was shown to be working at Therapy Spa during the Health Departments inspection, Li Ma [REDACTED] has a criminal history that includes a charge of prostitution out of Pompano Beach FL in 2016. It is common in this type of industry to work at multiple establishments that are under the same owner. I believe that Li Ma has in the past or is currently working at Bridge Foot Massage and Spa due to evidence gathered during a trash pull from Bridge Foot Massage and Spa that showed coupons used at the establishment which listed a name of "Li" on one of them. This coupon has on its front side the name and address of Bridge Foot Massage and Spa. A picture to follow displays the coupon that I am referring to near the bottom right side of the photo.



Advertisements for Business:

Bridge Foot Massage and Spa has a website of bridgefootmassageandspa.com which lists hours of operation, types of massage, the address and a phone number for the business. A Google search of the phone number listed for the business from their website (772-872-2668) revealed multiple advertisements and listings which included ads on, but not limited to, liverubreviews.com, rubmaps.com and adultlook.com. All of these websites are dedicated to sexually oriented businesses and information, not quality massage therapy.

The website liverubreviews.com has an advertisement for Bridge Foot Massage that shows multiple photos of scantily clothed Asian females, photos of the inside of the massage establishment and a written description below the photos. The descriptions include prices for different types of massages, the kind of girls at the spa such as "3 pretty masseuses in bridge spa" and "young beautiful girls."

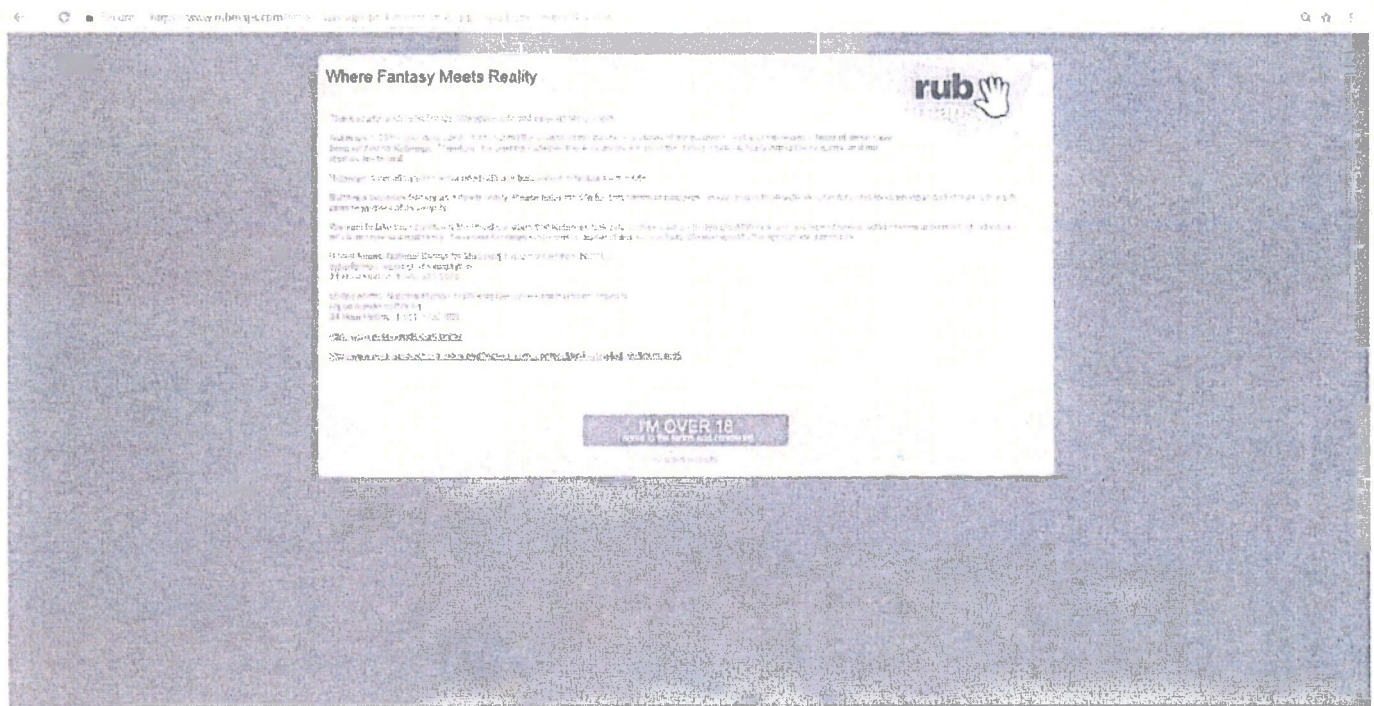
This type of advertising I know, through my training and experience, is used to attract people looking for females of Asian orientation that are involved in prostitution at a massage establishments. Also on their website are advertisements for sex via links to other websites. These particular advertisements display nude females and also men and women conducting explicit sexual acts together that vary from vaginal sex to oral acts. The below photos are screen shots from the website.



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The website rubmaps.com is a very well-known website by the law enforcement community that work in crimes involving human trafficking and prostitution. It is also a popular resource for people looking for businesses that offer prostitution at massage establishments. Rubmaps.com's primary purpose is to serve as a review resource/forum for massage establishments and it lists details that include, but are not limited to, the locations of massage businesses, the prices for massages, the names of the massage therapist that provide services, the sexual acts that were received during the massage and also the price for the sexual services. Any person/customer (seemingly all male) are allowed to discuss their individual experiences at illicit area massage parlors. It should be noted that the first thing you see prior to being able to enter the website is a disclaimer that has a title saying "where fantasy meets reality" and also has some information on human trafficking.

In my training and experience in investigating these types of operations I have found this web-site to be a credible source of information when combined with other intelligence.



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The website adultlook.com provides information about escort services and other sexually based information. They also have reviews under a tab titled "Treasure Coast Florida Therapeutic Massage" and the Bridge Foot Massage and Spa has an advertisement on it. The advertisement includes the phone number and description of the business along with hours of operation. On adultlook.com there are links to pornographic sites and other websites that offer similar services that adultlook.com offers. Below is a screen shot that was taken from the website.



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AdultLook Escort Reviews | Treasure Coast, Florida | Treasure Coast, Florida Therapeutic Massage | 772-872-2668

Right now you are visiting the best website in the adult industry. You are welcome!

#1837540

Profile #1837540

Main Info

Contact: 772-872-2668

City/Category

Treasure Coast, Florida Therapeutic Massage
West Palm Beach, Florida Therapeutic Massage

months ago
2 years ago

Portfolio

Favorite by: 0

Profile Views: 973

Description

Upscale, Clean and relaxing atmosphere at Bridge Point Massage & Spa #1837540
Open 9am till 11pm, Mon-Sun
2772-872-2668

Treasure Coast, Florida Therapeutic Massage

Advertisement sidebar with buttons: Add to Favorites, Edit Profile, Report New Web URL.

Write a review and get a complimentary VIP access for 2 days

BETTER THAN tinder



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A Google review for Bridge Day Spa also revealed that services other than a massage could be obtained which included a "rub and tug." From my training and experience, I know that a "rub and tug" is a slang term for a human hand purposefully used to caress/manipulate a penis for sexual gratification.

Home | https://www.google.com

Bridge Foot Massage & Spa

4.9 ★★★★★

See by 1/14/2018

Kevin Krug

★★★★★
Best place in Hobe Sound. I would definitely recommend.

Bobby Harrington

★★★★★
Good rub and tug. Very clean and professional.

christian fox

★★★★★

Tommy York

★★★★★

Robert Binford

★★★★★

Account Permanently Disabled

★★★★★



Bobby Harrington

10 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ 11 months ago

Good rub and tug. Very clean and professional.



A Google search of "rub and tug hobe sound fl" immediately brought up multiple links to Bridge Foot Massage and Spa even though there are multiple other massage businesses in Hobe Sound FL. It should also be noted that not one word from Bridge Foot Massage and Spa was used in the Google search yet links that for their business were the first to populate. Below is a screen shot from the Google search that depicts that links correlated with the search.

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Google

rub and tug hobe sound fl

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Bridge Foot Massage & Spa | Massage Therapy Hobe Sound
http://www.bridgefootmassage.com/ •
The Bridge Foot Massage & Spa is a full service massage and spa located in Hobe Sound, FL. We offer a variety of massage services including Swedish, Deep Tissue, and Hot Stone. We also offer a full service spa with a hot tub, sauna, and steam room. We are open 7 days a week from 10am to 8pm. We are located at 18274 SE Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. We are a family owned and operated business. We are proud to serve our community and provide a relaxing and rejuvenating experience for all our clients.

The Best 10 Massage near Hobe Sound, FL 33455 - Last Updated
http://www.yelp.com/ • Hobe Sound, FL • Massage & Spa • Massage •
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Hobe Sound massage parlor reviews, erotic massage & happy
http://www.adultsearch.com/ • Massage parlors Hobe Sound, FL •
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Best 10 Asian Massage Services in Hobe Sound, FL with Reviews
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Stuart Erotic Massage Parlors in Florida • AdultSearch
http://www.adultsearch.com/florida/erotic-massage/ •
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Bridge Foot Massage & Spa

Website • Facebook • Instagram

18274 SE Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Address: 18274 SE Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Hours: Open • 10am-8pm

Phone: (772) 471-1827

Website: www.bridgefootmassage.com

Know this place? Add your own questions

Questions & answers

See the 10 most asked questions

Related businesses

- Inspections of Business by HSI and Identification of Employees:

As a result of the initial inspection by Karen with the Health Department, Homeland Security Agent Kenny Cisneros conducted a follow up of his own. Special Agent Cisneros stated that on July 16, 2018 he served a Notice of Inspection (NOI) on Bridge Foot Massage and Spa.

As a function of Homeland Security Investigations administrative authority, HSI is authorized to inspect U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9 for employment eligibility verification from any business.

The NOI was served on an individual identified as Ruimei LI ([REDACTED]). Special Agent Cisneros explained to Ruimei the process of filling out the I-9 forms as Bridge Foot Massage and Spa did not have any I-9 forms on file. Special Agent Cisneros told Ruimei that she would have three (3) days to collect the information and appropriate documents from all of her employees and that the Agents would return on the July 19th, 2018, to collect the Employment Verification Eligibility Forms (I-9). Upon leaving the business, Ruimei explained her training in massage therapy and how accomplished she was in her various forms of massages. Ruimei then offered to provide Special Agent Cisneros a massage at another time. Special Agent Cisneros declined and restated that he would return on the July 19, 2018 to pick up the I-9 forms.



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On July 19, 2018, Special Agent Cisneros and Task Force Officer Nazario went to Bridge Foot Massage and Spa in order to recover the I-9 forms that had been requested. Special Agents entered the business and met with Ruimei again. Ruimei provided three (3) I-9 forms. One for herself, another for a female identified as Shuang LU [REDACTED], and a third for a female identified as Yong Wang [REDACTED]. As Ruimei was providing the copies to the Special Agents, one of the female employees escorted a male subject from the back of the business past the register and out the front door. Both Ms. LU and Ms. WANG are Chinese Nationals that are allowed to work in the United States. Special Agent Nazario requested to use the restroom during this visit. One of the female employees showed Agent Nazario the restroom. While walking to the restroom room, Agent Nazario observed two rooms with what appeared to be massage tables in them and a third room with the door closed. The Special Agents retrieved the I-9 forms and departed the business.

HSI is still in possession of the I-9 forms pending the outcome of the criminal investigation being conducted by the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

In sum, the above paragraphs outline how the Health Department identified three employees on July 3, 2018 of the Bridge Foot Massage and Spa (Fang Yang & Ni Qin & Yingui Bian). Yet, 16 days later, on July 19, 2018, HSI identified two completely different people as employees (Shuang Lu & Yong Wang).

Surveillance Operations:

I conducted surveillance on varying dates and times from 7/6/2018 to 8/27/2018. Throughout my entire surveillance time, I observed only white males that were middle to elderly in age enter the establishment. I processed multiple tags in FCIC/NCIC from vehicles that the clientele who entered into the spa arrived in. I observed that every tag that I processed came back to a domestic residence from either Martin County, Palm Beach County or Saint Lucie County. During surveillance, I observed suspicious behavior from the male clientele who entered into the spa. This behavior consisted of looking around the parking lot as if to see if anyone was watching them while walking up to the spa and peering into the spa prior to entering. On some occasions male clientele would park at other parts of the plaza rather than directly in front of the spa even though there were open parking spots available. Though my training and experience, this is consistent with someone trying to avoid being associated with the location that they are intending to go to.



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One example of such behavior was on the first day of surveillance (7/6/2018) when I observed at approximately 1855 hours a Chrysler SUV with a FL tag of 115MID park in the parking area near the spa. I observed a middle age white male exit the vehicle and walk up to the spa. The male looked through the window and then he turned around and walked to the Publix that was located approximately a 100 yards north of the spa. After reaching the entrance to the Publix, he turned around and walked back to the spa. The male looked in the window again and then proceeded to put his cell phone up to his ear, turn around and face the parking lot. After doing so he reached around behind himself and pulled the door open from behind while still facing the parking lot. I observed him walk backwards facing the parking lot as he entered into the spa as if to insure that he was not being watched.

From my training and experience, this type of behavior is consistent with someone who is overly concerned/paranoid that someone else may be watching them. It's also consistent with a person who does not want to be observed doing something that is illegal or could at the very least have negative effects on their personal lives.

On 8/9/2018 while conducting surveillance I had Border Patrol Agent J. Dimart with me in my vehicle. Prior to Agent Dimart joining me in surveillance, I had earlier observed a Toyota SUV parked behind the spa in front of the rear entrance door to the establishment. This area is typically used for employees/owners of the businesses that are in the plaza. There are no signs in the rear the parking area that describe any of the businesses nor are the names of the businesses displayed. There are just the address numbers at the entrances to the businesses. Agent Dimart and I had been conducting surveillance together since 2000 hours and we had now reached a time of 2220 hours (according to the businesses website they closed at 2200 hours) when we observed the same vehicle that I had seen earlier parked behind the spa pull around and pass by our location. We observed the vehicle drive around the parking lot, make several laps around the Publix parking area and then pull into a parking area that is typically used for customers of a gym called Anytime Fitness. This gym is open 24hrs a day, all days of the year. After the vehicle came to a stop in a parking spot, we observed a white Asian female exit the vehicle with what looked like a pillow under her arm. We watched as she walked all the way back to the spa and entered through the front door. We observed that after she entered the spa, the "open" neon light sign near the front door was turned off and it would appear as if the business had closed for the day. We stayed in the parking lot until approximately 0000 hours and did not observe any movement inside the spa nor anyone else enter or exit the spa. It should be noted that not one time during surveillance of the spa after business hours when the business shut off its lights and appeared to be closed did one person leave (it is believed that whomever closes the business at the end of the day lives within the establishment, more details to establish this knowledge are to follow). Prior to ending our surveillance, Agent Dimart and I drove up to the vehicle that was previously described parking in front of Anytime Fitness. We observed the vehicle had a New York tag of



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JAV2203 which after being processed by Agent Dimart came back to female named Fei Dong with address of 4114 Main St #J55, Flushing New York, 11355. It should be noted that it is common knowledge among law enforcement that work in crimes involving human trafficking and prostitution that the majority of Asian females that are involved with a massage businesses where prostitution is being conducted have a current or previous address out of Flushing, New York.

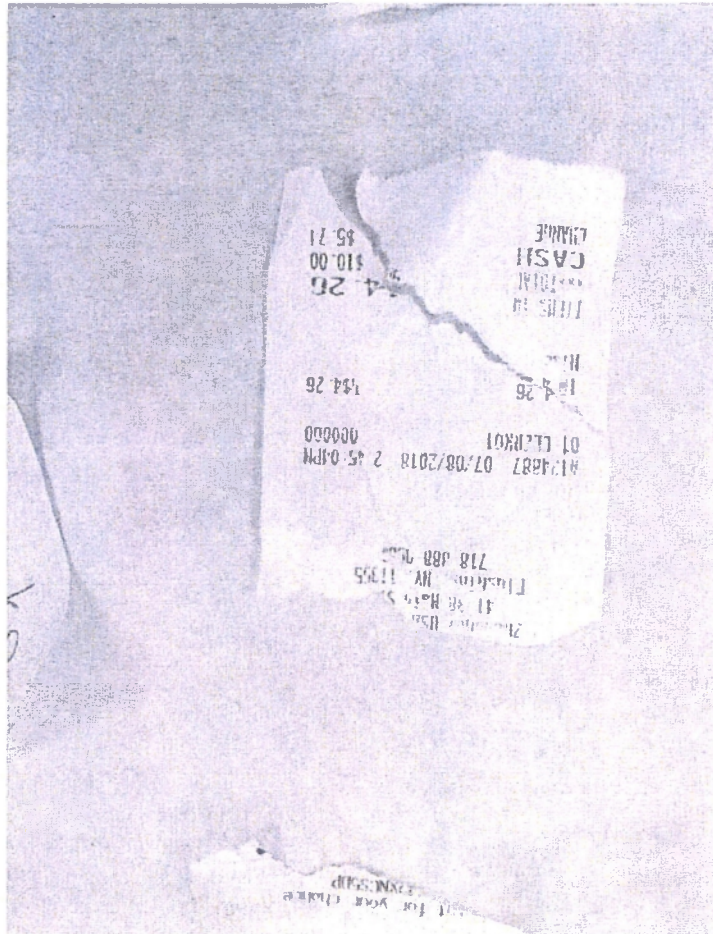
Trash Pulls:

I conducted trash pulls from a dumpster located behind the business that is shared among several businesses in the nearby area. During every trash pull, a grocery style bag would be found in the dumpster which typically contained food and/or napkins/tissues that had a sticky semi liquid substance within them. For the trash pulls that contained such substances that also included receipts and/or mail belonging to Bridge Foot Massage and Spa, the substances were field tested for semen residue. Each test came back positive and through my training and experience, I know that establishments where prostitution is taking place, napkins or tissues are commonly used to clean off a male client or the prostitute of the semen as a result of the sexual act that took place. These positive field tests were photographed and the tests were conducted by members of the Martin County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit. The contents of each bag that resulted in a positive field test were placed into evidence which included any mail and/or receipts tying it to Bridge Foot Massage and Day Spa.

Below are some photos from a trash pull on 8/23/2018 that was obtained after closing hours for the spa.



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"John" Stops:

On 8/23/2018 I conducted surveillance at the Bridge Foot Massage and Spa, which involved stopping male customers that had been inside the business for a period of time. Surveillance began at 0900 hours. At approximately **1150 hours** a white male who had entered the spa exited after being inside for a very short period of time (not long enough to obtain a massage). This white male, who will be referred to from here within as J1, walked to a black Dodge Challenger and entered the driver's door. He backed out of a parking spot and began to drive around the plaza. I followed J1 as he did several laps around the plaza and observed that he was the sole occupant of the vehicle. After I documented the vehicle's tag and processed it in FCIC/NCIC, I learned that registered owner was out of Palm Beach County. Having obtained this information and seeing that the driver was continuing to drive around the plaza, I stopped following him and returned to my original surveillance spot. At approximately **1200 hours**, J1 returned and exited his vehicle and entered the spa again. J1 remained in the spa until approximately **1225 hours**. After J1 exited the spa and entered his vehicle, he exited the plaza in his vehicle and began traveling west on SE Bridge Road towards I-95. I pulled behind the vehicle and paced the vehicle for a distance of approx. 0.2 miles at a speed of 37mph in a construction zone with a posted speed limit of 25mph. I then conducted a traffic stop and upon meeting with and confirming the identification of J1, I asked him about the activities that he observed and the services he received while inside the spa. J1 stated that he received a "hand job" (slang term for a human hand purposefully used to caress/manipulate a penis for sexual gratification) and gave the female who performed the hand job \$40.00. J1 explained that upon entering the spa, he was greeted by a young looking Asian female and requested to receive a 30min massage session and then paid for it. This same female then brought him to a back room where he was allowed to undress. During the massage session, the Asian female began to caress his private area which aroused him. After receiving a hand job from the Asian, J1 stated that he gave her \$40.00. J1 stated that he felt terrible about what happened and gave this information to me freely and voluntarily. J1 provided me with contact info for himself and left the area. I then returned to my surveillance spot and continued to watch the spa.

It should be noted that J1 was identified to me through his driver's license and was confirmed through DAVID. He freely provided me with his cell phone number and of which I confirmed by speaking with him via that number on a date after the traffic stop.

On 8/24/2018 I conducted surveillance at the Bridge Foot Massage and Spa, which involved stopping male customers that had been inside the business for a period of time. Surveillance began at 0800 hours. At approximately **1100 hours** a white male who had entered the spa exited after being inside for approximately 60min. This white male,



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who will be referred to from here within as J2, walked to a Dodge pick-up truck and entered the driver's door. He backed out of a parking spot and exited the plaza and began to travel south on SE Federal Hwy. Soon after pulling onto SE Federal Hwy, J2 did a U-turn and began to travel north on SE Federal Hwy. I followed J2 for approximately 6 miles and observed that the area that we were in (near the intersection of SE Lillian Court and SE Federal Hwy) was a 45mph zone and J2's current speed was 54mph. I then conducted a traffic stop and upon meeting with and confirming the identification of J2, I asked him about the activities that he observed and the services he received while inside the spa. J2 stated that he received a "hand job" (slang term for a human hand purposefully used to caress/manipulate a penis for sexual gratification) and gave the female who performed the hand job \$40.00. J2 explained that upon entering the spa, he was greeted by a young looking Asian female and requested to receive a 30 min massage session and then paid for it. This same female then brought him to a back room where he was allowed to undress. During the massage session, the Asian female began to caress his private area which aroused him. J2 stated that he then rolled over to his back and the Asian female began stroking his penis with her hands. J2 stated that he did not have to ask her to perform this act because she understood that he wanted her to do it by allowing her to continue and because he was enjoying it. J2 stated that he knew this is how she earned extra money and at the time did not object to it. After receiving a hand job from the Asian, J2 stated that he gave her \$40.00. J2 stated that he felt terrible about what happened and gave this information to me freely and voluntarily. J2 provided me with contact info for himself and left the area. I then returned to my surveillance spot and continued to watch the spa.

It should be noted that J2 was identified to me through his driver's license and was confirmed through DAVID. He freely provided me with his cell phone number and of which I confirmed by speaking with him via that number on a date after the traffic stop.

Undercover/UC Entry

On September 18, 2018, your affiant had an undercover detective receive a foot massage at the business located at 11774 SE Federal Hwy. The reason for this was for your affiant to intelligence & information on certain specifics of the inside of the business. For example, massage room(s) size, furniture inside of the massage rooms as well as general layout of the business. The undercover detective indeed received a foot massage in one of the massage rooms, after paying for a foot massage. The undercover detective also informed your affiant that the massage room used for his/her foot massage did not contain a massage table at all. The undercover detective informed your affiant that he/she thought that specific massage room she was in was solely dedicated for only foot massages.



Based on the surveillance, a review of obtained documents, other investigative methods and your affiant's experience in investigating similar illicit acts, your affiant believes the Bridge Foot massage and Spa (11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound FL, 33455) is operated using a standard Asian model. By this, your affiant means the establishment is as a place to operate prostitution under the guise of a massage therapy business. This is very common in crimes involving prostitution and the Asian community. Evidence of this can be easily obtained by simple open based internet searches that describe documented cases of Asian massage establishments being involved in prostitution nationwide. These practices are often referred to as a standard Asian model in the law enforcement community. The overwhelmingly (if not exclusively) male customer clientele enter the business for a fee (a massage varying in length and cost) which goes directly to the business. The male customers are then brought to a room where they disrobe and lay on a massage therapy style bed. During the massage, male clientele are purposefully aroused by the massage therapist when she utilizes her hand(s) to digitally manipulate the clientele's private areas (crotch and/or anal area). The male then gives permission for the massage therapist to use her hand to digitally manipulate the client's penis for sexual gratification. At the conclusion of the sexual act, the session is over and the clientele is wiped off with white tissue/napkin paper and/or a white towel. The client pays the massage therapist with cash for the illicit act. This investigation has taken place over a significant period of time, utilizing the two traffic stops over successive days to further bolster the evidence of ongoing criminal conduct occurring at the location.

Further, your affiant has specialized training and experience in the investigation of prostitution organizations. The totality of circumstances regarding the statements of the health department, the volume of male customers and information gathered on the business through various investigative techniques as well as an analysis of the lack of financial records relating back to any employees, lead your affiant to believe that a prostitution organization is being run out of the Bridge Foot Massage and Spa, 11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, County of Martin, State of Florida.

The following investigative methods, which are commonly utilized during the investigation of various criminal cases have either been tried and not succeeded in achieving the goals of the investigation, are too dangerous, or may jeopardize the investigation if employed or are not applicable in this particular investigation.

Many times in investigations involving massage parlors law enforcement agencies will employ the use of undercover officers or confidential informants. These undercover officers or informants will enter the business (while being monitored and many times recorded) and attempt to negotiate for a sex act in exchange for an amount of US Currency. This investigative technique is problematic for several reasons. First, often times the women



performing the (sexual) act are instructed not to speak or negotiate specifically for a sex act. Secondly, if the woman performing the massage is willing to discuss a specific sex act it may not occur until the customer is in a state of almost complete undress. This is a substantial safety concern for any officers working undercover or informants being utilized. Finally, due to the stated concerns above, often times the undercover officer or informant will have to allow the woman performing the massage to touch his genitals in order to "consummate" the act in order for a crime to occur. Again this is tremendously problematic as it requires the undercover officer or informant commit a crime to further the investigation. This is a concern ethically for both the particular officer involved as well as his law enforcement agency of employment.

Interviewing current or past employees of a business or organization is a tactic often used to further an investigation. During your affiant's experience in investigating Asian Massage parlors he has discovered that many of the women working there can be in the United States illegally or in a temporary status. Further some engaged in prostitution at these massage parlors/spas as a means to support themselves and their families can be forced or coerced. Thus, these women are usually not interested in speaking with or cooperating with law enforcement for they fear status issues and/or a loss of income/good standing with those that are controlling them. Your affiant knows through training and experience that women working at Asian Massage parlors may also engage in prostitution as a means to repay a debt for transportation to the United States or to protect themselves and/or their families from abuse. Thus, they are very reluctant to speak with law enforcement out of fear and often times will be untruthful if interviewed. Therefore interviewing women who are or have worked at the business and obtaining truthful statements from them is an exceedingly difficult task. In addition, should the women not wish to cooperate, the investigation could be exposed and the owners/managers of the massage parlor may become aware of our investigation.

Your affiant believes a "visual surveillance warrant" is needed to identify and arrest subjects involved in prostitution as it relates to the Deriving of Funds from the proceeds of Prostitution and Money Laundering occurring at and due to the Bridge Foot Massage and Spa located at 11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound FL. While probable cause exists to believe prostitution is occurring inside the business, your affiant and any fellow officers are unable to directly observe the prostitution, which provides the necessary element to the charge of deriving funds from the proceeds of prostitution which in turn then provides the necessary specified unlawful activity for the establishment of a charge of money laundering without the assistance of covert visual, non-audio surveillance.



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Additionally, the focus of this investigation is not only the customers committing prostitution but more importantly those involved in deriving funds from the proceeds of prostitution as well as laundering money from the proceeds of prostitution, to include the owner(s) and/or manager(s) of the business and possibly any of the women working at the business. Your affiant believes that a "visual surveillance warrant" is the best and only way law enforcement can conclusively say prostitution is occurring inside the business. Thus, while voluntary statements of customers exiting the business is supportive to this argument, it is not enough, in and of itself, to establish the predicate crime of prostitution, which is required to charge deriving funds from the proceeds of prostitution which then provides the required specified unlawful activity to charge money laundering. Additionally, while the previous customer statements and surveillance do lend support to the belief that probable cause exists to suppose that prostitution is occurring inside the business, it does not allow for a furtherance of an investigation regarding the deriving funds from the proceeds of prostitution and money laundering without great risk to our case. Therefore, video surveillance is the only option to obtain definite evidence of prostitution occurring inside the business to further our investigation.

Further, in requesting the issuance of this "visual surveillance warrant" your affiants have strongly considered the 1990 10th Circuit Court of Appeals decision U.S. v. Mesa-Rincon, 911 F.2d 1433 (10th Cir. 1990) which addressed the parameters regarding what was then Title III searches (wire-taps). In the decision, the court specifically addressed silent, video-only surveillance. In the context of electronic interception of visual images, which is not regulated by federal statute, the courts have devised some safeguards by analogy to those required by Title III; but they have not necessarily adopted those Title III requirements that do more than implement constitutional requirements. *See, e.g., United States v. Biasucci*, 786 F.2d at 510; United States v. Torres, 751 F.2d at 884-85, US v. Falls, 34 F.3d 674 (8th Cir., 1994); US v. Koyomejian, 970 F.2d 536 (9th Cir. 1992). Based on the information provided above, your affiant believes that all guidelines have been met through this investigation. *See also U.S. v. Batiste*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 61186.

IT IS REQUESTED that your affiant is allowed to surreptitiously enter the described location for the purpose of covertly conducting electronic video surveillance of the interior location of the location to identify participants in the criminal enterprise, commonly referred to as a "visual surveillance warrant". There shall be no capability on any of the installed equipment to allow audio monitoring or recording. The entry may be made within ten days of issuance of this warrant, in the daytime or the nighttime, or on Sunday, to forthwith install, monitor and perform maintenance on electronic video surveillance on the said premises herein before specified. Once monitoring of the subject premises begins, your affiant will continue monitoring for no more than 30 days without further order of this court.



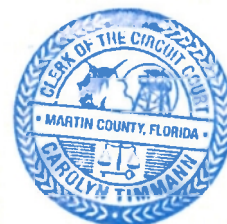
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IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that the Court Order upon issuance of the "visual surveillance warrant", covert surveillance cameras only be placed in locations where prostitution is believed to be occurring. It is your affiant's intent to surreptitiously attempt to place a total of four cameras in the location. All will be placed in the ceiling tile(s) of the business. One camera will be placed to monitor the front of the business, where the cash register associated with the business can be clearly seen (discussed more below). The other three cameras will be placed in three of the massage rooms, in the ceiling tile(s) at business address of 11774 SE Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL. This surreptitious surveillance camera, being placed in a ceiling tile, will allow for visual surveillance inside three of the four massage rooms located within. Two massage rooms are located on the north side of the establishment, two massage rooms are located on the south side of the establishment. Of note, one of the massage rooms has been identified as being used solely for a foot massage (no massage table contained in the room) and this room will not be placed under surveillance.

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that the Court Order the front of the business will also be under surveillance, as this is where the exchange of money is believed to be occurring. There will be no cameras installed in areas expected to be non-criminal in nature, i.e. kitchen, bathroom, personal bedrooms. Additionally, the view of the video monitor will be situated in the monitoring room such that the view is not observable by persons other than those persons monitoring the view in the proper performance of the monitor's official duty. The visual, non-audio surveillance will be monitored during hours where the owner(s) and/or manager(s) and/or employee(s) of the business are inside.

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that this Court direct that its Order be executed as soon as practicable after it is signed and that all monitoring of visual surveillance shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize the visual surveillance and disclosure of the visual surveillance intercepted to those communications relevant to the pending investigation

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED the visual surveillance warrant authorized by this Court's Order must terminate upon attainment of the authorized objectives or, in any event, at the end of thirty (30) days measured from the day on which investigative or law enforcement officers first begin to conduct an interception or ten (10) days after the Order is entered



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IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that the Court Order, in accordance with the minimization requirements of Chapter 119 of 60 Title 18, United States Code, video surveillance must immediately terminate when it is determined that the video surveillance is unrelated this investigation. Video Surveillance must be suspended immediately when it is determined that none of the named targets or any of their confederates, when identified, are participants in criminal conduct.

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that the Court Order that video surveillance should, at least, continue for a number of minutes to determine whether or not a sexual act is taking place during, at the beginning, or at the end of a paid for massage. If such a sexual act is unclear but may be related to a massage / sexual act, video surveillance may continue until such time as it is determined that the activity clearly no longer relates to any type of sexual activity. The above instructions regarding the number of minutes needed to determine whether or not a sexual act is taking place will vary until experience has been gained.

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that the Court Order that the Martin County Sheriff's Office is authorized, to intercept and record the visual, non-verbal conduct and activities occurring at 11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, Florida and others as yet unknown, concerning the above-described offenses at the premises. Such video surveillance shall not terminate automatically when the type of conduct & activity described above has first been observed but shall continue until the conduct or activity is intercepted that reveals the manner in which the above named, and others as yet unknown participate in the specified offenses and reveals the identities of their coconspirators, their methods of operation, and the nature of any conspiracy, or for a period of time not to exceed 30 days

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that the Court Order the warrant shall be terminated or renewed based upon the evidence gleaned from the surveillance. Due to the property location and the covert nature of the criminal enterprise, no other, less intrusive investigatory means employed thus far have been successful, nor are they likely to be in the future. Upon termination of this order Your Affiant shall forthwith make return of his doings within ten days from the date thereof. Upon termination of the conditions justifying the need for covertness, notice of the surreptitious search will be given within seven days to the responsible person(s) of the location to be searched.

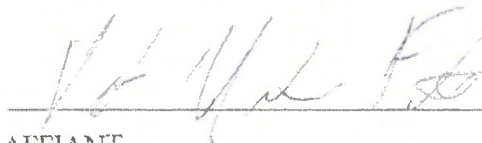
BASED ON YOUR AFFIANT'S knowledge, training and experience, there is probable cause to believe that the business located at **11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, County of Martin, State of Florida**, is being utilized to operate a prostitution and money laundering organization and/or derive support from the proceeds of prostitution.



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BASED ON all the foregoing information, your Affiant also has probable cause to believe that a violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to-wit: Chapter 796 and Chapter 896 . Florida State Statutes, exists in the premises addressed at **11774 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, County of Martin, State of Florida.**

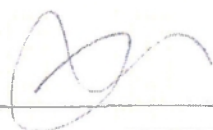
WHEREOF, affiant makes this affidavit and prays the issuance of a visual surveillance warrant in due form of law for the surreptitious installation of video monitoring equipment within the above described premises for the said property, heretofore described, and for the monitoring and recording of visual non-audio conduct and safe keeping of the property, subject to the order of this Honorable Court or such other Court having jurisdiction over the offense, by the duly constituted officers of the law.



AFFIANT

Detective Michael Fenton, 1715

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 21 day of September, 2018.




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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
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**ORDER FOR SURREPTITIOUS ENTRY AND INSTALLATION OF
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE CAMERA**

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO ALL AND SINGULAR:

The Sheriff of Martin County and his lawful deputies, all police officers having jurisdiction over the premises to be searched / surveilled in Martin County, Florida, any State Attorney Investigator,

WHEREAS, application in writing, supported by affidavit of a credible witness, or witnesses, has this day been made before the undersigned Judge Belanger, in for Martin County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that the affiant has established that other reasonable methods to obtain the evidence sought have either been attempted and failed or are unlikely to accomplish the stated goals of the affiant's investigation, and

WHEREAS, said facts made known to and considered by me have caused me to certify and find that the facts set forth in said affidavit show and constitute probable cause for the issuance of this surveillance warrant, and the Court being satisfied of the existence of said grounds set forth in the affidavit in that on or in a certain premises known and described as follows:

TO WIT: To arrive at the premises to be entered: start at the intersection of SE Federal Hwy and SE Bridge Road. Travel north on SE Federal Hwy from the intersection for approximately 750 feet. After doing so an entrance into a shopping plaza is located on the west (left) side of the roadway. After turning into the plaza the address numbers of 11774 are displayed at the location of the business. The business is located on the south side of the plaza and faces east. The numbers 11774 are affixed near the entrance to the business. The exterior of the building is painted tan in color with windows allowing view into the entrance to the business. The roof is tan in color made of barrel tile. A sign located on the wall over the business entrance has the lettering "SPA" displayed. When facing the business, the front door is situated between large multi-paned windows. The door is hinged on the left (south) side and opens outwards from right to left.

being the premises and curtilage occupied by or under the control of a Rumei R. Li, and others at this time unknown and there is evidence of active prostitution being performed at the premises to be entered, which is in violation of the Laws of the State of Florida prohibiting prostitution and person(s) deriving support from the proceeds of prostitution,



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in violation of Chapter 796, Florida Statutes, and of Money Laundering in violation of Chapter 896.

NOW THEREFORE, you, with proper and necessary assistance, are hereby commanded in the name of the State of Florida, in the daytime or in the nighttime, or on Sunday, to enter the said premises 11774 SE Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL, to enter and install in the premises to be searched video surveillance cameras, and to monitor these surveillance cameras for a period of no longer than 30 days, and forthwith make return of your doings upon executing this warrant, which you are hereby commanded to execute as the law directs within ten days from the date thereof. While monitoring the premises to be searched, the Sheriff shall take steps to minimize the invasion of privacy to any parties not engaged in the unlawful acts set forth in the affidavit. The Sheriff shall also make efforts to minimize the disclosure of this surveillance operation to only those sworn law enforcement officers pertinent and relevant to this surreptitious investigation and those sworn law enforcement officers involved in the operation shall be explained this Order as well as the Florida Statute pertaining to Contempt of Court.

The original of this warrant, together with the original inventory shall be returned and filed with the County Judge in and for Martin County, or before any Court having jurisdiction as stated above within ten days of the date of issuance of this warrant.

The Court finds that a copy of this Order need not be left at the premises to be searched because leaving the order at the premises would defeat the purposes of this warrant.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 21 day of September, 2018.



JUDGE in and for
Martin River County, Florida

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